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SUBJ: JAPAN SEEKS ASSURANCES ON U.S. COAL SUPPLY

1. IN FOLLOW-UP ON MINISTER NISHIDA'S DISCUSSION OF COAL EXPORTS AT STATE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 12, JAPANESE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL MINISTER (HARADA) CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DOBBIN NOVEMBER 21 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER GOJ CONCERN OVER U.S. COAL STRIKE AND TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR CONTINUED "SMOOTH SUPPLY" OF COKING COAL TO JAPAN.

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2. DOBBIN RESPONDED THAT WE WELL AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF COKING

COAL TO JAPAN AND WOULD TAKE JAPAN'S NEEDS FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION IN EVENT EXPORT CONTROLS, WHICH WE STRONGLY HOPED TO AVOID, SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY. HE NOTED COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING AS OF NOVEMBER 12 OF BITUMINOUS COAL EXPORTS ON WEEKLY BASIS PURELY FACT-FINDING EXERCISE AND NOT NECESSARILY PRESAGING CONTROLS (MONITORING DIRECTIVE POUCHED).

3. INDICATING, NEVERTHELESS, SOME ANXIETY OVER MONITORING, HARADA ASKED THAT JAPAN BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE IN EVENT EXPORT CONTROLS BECOME NECESSARY. DOBBIN RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE ADVANCE NOTICE, HE COULD ASSURE THAT JAPAN WOULD BE TREATED FAIRLY IN THIS REGARD.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HARADA SAID JAPAN'S NORMAL EIGHT-WEEK COKING COAL STOCKS NOW DOWN TO THREE WEEKS. HARADA AGREED TO FURNISH US WITH COAL INVENTORY AND CONSUMPTION DATA TO ASSIST OUR ASSESSMENT OF JAPANESE SITUATION. KISSINGER

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